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The other day, while the rain was pouring down, a citizen left the postoffice to encounter an acquaintance who was also sheltered by an umbrella.

"Raining, isn't it?" queried the first.

"Hey?"

"Raining, isn't it?"

"I'd like to see you a moment," was the reply. "Come up stairs."

The two passed up, traversed the dark hall to the darkest corner, and then No. 2 turned to No. 1 with:

"Do you take me for an infernal idiot?"

"Why, no, of course not?"

"Do you suppose I carry an umbrella around to keep the sun off, this time of year?"

"No."

"I'm carrying it to keep the rain off, am I not?"

"Of course."

"Well, then, it rains. You know it rains. Everybody in town knows it rains. Now you go on and let people alone."

"But—but"—

"That's all. You let it rain. She knows her business. You just attend to your own affairs and let the weather alone. Good day, sir."

And he went clumping down strairs and left the other fellow at his leisure.—San Francisco Wasp.

There are 2750 languages.

A hand, horse measure, is four inches.

Poetry.

THERD IS NO DEATH.

The following beautiful lines were quoted in a sermon in Dallas and published in the Western Baptist of that city:

There is no death! the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore;
And bright in heaven's jewelled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden grain, or summer fruit,
Or rainbow-tinted flowers.

The granite rocks disorganize,
And feed the hungry moss they bear,
The forest leaves drink daily life,
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
And flowers may fade and pass away;
They only wait through wintry hours
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread;
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them "dead."

He leaves our hearts all desolate.
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones,
Made glad these scenes of sin and strife
Sings now an everlasting song,
Around the tree of life.

Where'er he sees a smile too bright,
Or heart too pure for taint and vice,
He bears it that world of light,
To dwell in Paradise.

Born into that undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
With joy we welcome them the same—
Except their sin and pain.

And ever near us, though unseen,
The dear immortal spirit tread.
For all the boundless universe
Is life—there are no dead.

Railroad Regulation.

[BY HON. TOM J. BROWN.]

NO. 2.

Some of the opponents of a railroad commission have characterized it as an experiment, while by others it has been called the "cast off garment of other states." In fact it is neither of these. It has long ceased to be an experiment for it has ripened into an unquestionable success. It has been tried for many years and proved itself to be a most satisfactory and useful method of controlling railroad corporations. The garment has never been cast off by any state to which it has been once fitted, but it is a fashion that has lasted well, being refitted and now worn by all those states that first adopted it as well as having been put on by most of the others.

The first commission in the United States was created in New Hampshire and in the year 1844, which was soon followed by Conneticut in 1853, Vermont in 1855, and Maine in 1858. These commissions are all still in existence, some of them with enlarged powers. The war then intervened, and the next commission was created in Ohio in 1867, and in Massachusetts in 1869.

Each of these commissions were advisory to the legislature with large powers over the operation and construction of the railroads having in view mainly the safety of the persons and property that passed over them.

By pools and combinations railroad corporations destroyed all competition among themselves and levied such exorbitant exactions upon the public that it became absolutely necessary to have an adequate remedy for this new evil. Out of this necessity grew the commission which was organized by the state of Illinois in the year 1871, to which was given the power to regulate charges on railroads. In Georgia a like commission was created in 1879, and from that time there has been a constant march in the direction of creating the same character of commissions until they now exist in fourteen of the states. Twenty-five of the states of the Union have commissions of one kind or the other, with various powers over the subject of railroads and their operations. The following named fourteen states have commissions with power to regulate the rates of frieghts on railroads: Alabama, California, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Maine, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Nebraska, Iowa and Florida. Eleven states have commissions with no power over the question of freight charges: Vermont Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Virginia, Kentucky and Colorado. Thirteen states, Arkansas, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Indiana, West Virgina, North Carolina, Oregon, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, and Nevada have no commissions and practically have no restrictions upon their powers to levy charges upon the business of the country. Tennessee organized a commission in 1883 with power to regulate freights on railroads and the commission proceeded to discharge its duties by establishing rates, but in the same year the enforcement of the rates so made was enjoined by the United States circuit court. In the next year there was a heated political contest in that state which resulted in the election of a commission differing in politics from the legislature and the legislature repealed the law to get rid of the commissioners on account of their politics. The commission was never tried in Tennessee. This is I believe the only case in which a commission with the power to regulate rates has ever been destroyed after being created.

It is fair to presume that the people who have tried any particular method in government for a time sufficient to give it a fair test are the best judges as to its value, and the continuance of it after such fair and ample trial is the best evidence of its approval by the masses of the people. The railroad commission has been on trial for nearly half a century of time and embracing more than half the territory of the United States. The length of time in which these commissions have been on trial is sufficient to show that the results are not temporary in their nature, while the extent of the territory forbids the idea that anything over which they have extended of a local nature has influenced the result. Upon this thorough trial these agencies have been continued where they existed and created where they did not before exist, and it is but fair to conclude that they have been approved by the people of all the states in which they have been tested.

In and out of the last legislature the objection which was most generally and effectively used against the creation of a commission, was that it would stop the construction of new railroads in Texas and thus retard the development of the country. A large number of men who recognized the necessity for the control of these corporations felt that we could not afford to take a step which would stop the building of railroads. It is easy to assert such things, but no proof was offered at the time to sustain the assertion. Fortunately these commissions have a recorded history to which reference can be made to determine the truth of the charge made. If the creation of commissions in other states has retarded the construction of railroads then we may look for like results in Texas. If on the contrary such effects have not flowed from the like measures in other states there is no reason to believe that it would follow from from the adoption of such policy in this state.

In order to make a fair test of the correctness of this objection to a commission let us take four years of time 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888 and examine the statistics in each of the states of the Union so that we may safely rely upon the result as the legitimate fruit of the system. Florida had no commission until 1887 and did not get it into operation until 1888, and I, therefore, class it in this comparison with the non-commission states.

In thirteen states which have commissions with power to regulate freight charges during the four years named, the railroad companies constructed 15,203 miles of road. During the same period of time in the eleven states which have advisory commissions they have built 5,435 miles of new railroad. The railroad companies in the fourteen non commission states embracing Texas, during the same four years built 6,179 miles of road.

We have not the official statistics for 1889, but from a statement published in the railway Register, it appears that the commission states, having power over the freight question, built last year about 25 per cent. more road than did the non-commission states. Thus it will be seen that the less number of commission states, thirteen constructed nearly two and a half times as much railroad, in the same length of time as did the fourteen non-commission states. This is not only true of the result of the four years experience but it is a fact that in each of the four years the number of miles constructed in the commission states was greater than it was in the non-commission states.

The reason given for the supposed effect of railroad commissions upon railroad construction was that the frieght charges on the roads would be so much reduced that they could not be made to pay, and, therefore, capitalists would not invest in such states. The financial effect upon railroads is the important one to investors, and if we can find how a commission affects railroads financially, we may safely conclude that these investors will act in accordance with the result.

In the thirteen commission states above named, the railroad companies paid as dividends on their stocks, for the year 1886 $30,095,911, and in the year 1887 they paid as dividends on stock the sum of $34-376,934, being a total in two years of $64,472,845.

In the fourteen states having no commissions the railroad companies paid as dividends on their stocks in the year 1886 the sum of $28,893,904; in the year 1887 they paid as dividends $29,127,283, a total in two years of $55,023,187, being $9,459,658 less than was paid by the less number of commission states.

This is not only true, but it is a fact that the average per cent. of dividends paid in the commission states was greater than in the states having no commissions. The average rate per cent. paid on the stock as dividends in the year 1886 by the railroad companies in the latter states was about 1.51, while in the former states the average rate per cent. of dividends was 2.26 or about fifty per cent. higher rate than in the non-commission states.

These statements are derived from Poor's Railroad Manual, a source that is recognized by railroad men as semi-official, and reliable. It is not a publication in the interest of railroad commissions. If the statements are not true they can easily show to be incorrect, but if true they cannot be answered and must put to silence the assertion that a railroad commission destroys railroad prosperity and stops the building of new roads.

The history of railroad operations in the different states shows that capitalists have not avoided the states where railroads are under the control of commissions, but in fact capital has sought investment in railroads in those states in which the control is the most rigid, in the ratio of two dollars and a half for every dollar that has been invested in the states where railroad companies have no restriction upon their powers, and in addition the important fact is made manifest that the capital thus invested in the railroad commission states has returned about 50 per cent. larger profits than that invested in the states having no commission. There are satisfactory reasons why the result of commission management should be to the benefit of legitimate railroad business. In the states having no commissions the railroad officials fix the charges on local rates high in order to recoup their losses on through freights, the effect of which is to destroy home industries and to cause local business to dwindle into insignificance. The fight is made for the through freights of which the local roads as in Texas receive a small share and the account is made up with short returns from a large business.

In those states in which the railroad commissions have fixed the local rates at comparatively low figures home industries are revived and energized and local business is stimulated until the trains are now loaded with local freights in a larger degree than before, and all of the freight money for carrying this local trade belongs to the home railroads. The result is that the people and the railroads are alike benefited by such a policy. The cost of operating the railroads as it is called, includes not only the legitimate expenses, but also all losses of property and damages which occur through accident or the extravagance, negligence, or dishonesty of the railroad officials and employes. A train wrecked by the carelessness of the engineer or conductor, or by reason of the bad condition of the roadbed, results in the destruction of the rolling stock, the property on board, and perhaps the life of some one, all of which is covered into the cost, of operating the road. In fixing the rates of charges this is to be provided for and being provided for is naturally not guarded against so rigidly as if it were to be taken from the earnings instead of being added to the rates. The careful and rigid supervision of a railroad commission, with the lower rate of charges, naturally induces a more careful and economical administration of railroad affairs. Dishonesty has less scope for its operations, because there is a power of investigation that has a salutary effect upon the conduct of all classes of officials.

The cost of operating is thus reduced, and as a natural necessary consequence, and the net earnings which go to the investor is increased. It is but natural that capitalists should seek such fields for making honest investment in railroad property. Those who build railroads on speculation, and form construction companies of their own members, by which they let profitable contracts to themselves have cause to dread the work of a railroad commission. They are they that raised a howl in Texas.

It is true that the public pay for all the results of carelessness, extravagance and dishonesty in the management of the railroads of this state, and, therefore, it becomes a matter of public concern to have them not only honestly managed, but also economically and carefully conducted. It is said that it is none of the people's affair as to how this business is carried on. This would be true if the people did not foot the bills, but so long as they must settle the accounts they should insist upon having something to say in the manner of conducting the business. This can be safely and properly done only through a commission.

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The first iron steamship was built in 1830.

Washington Letter.

[From our regular correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26, 1890.

Chicago's victory in the house fell with crushing weight on Washington and there were more gloomy faces along the avenue after the result was announced than one would usually be held in six months. The Chicago delegation was wildly, uproariously happy and wine flowed in steady streams. Even the old colonels and judges and mayors who infest the hotel lobbies were called in and for once enjoyed the sensation of drinking all that they could hold. The fight in the house was over sooner than was expected and the result was hardly in doubt after the first ballot.

New York has never, even in jest, been accused of being modest. Gotham's worst enemy won't lay that charge at her door. The delegations from the metropolis came twice and were a very distinguished, perhaps an oppressively distinguished body of men. They were, as usual, on their first trip, in a big hurry and brought along frothy Charley Depew to exhibit his wonderful gift of making a dozen good speeches one day. They then took their magnificent Pullman train home, and left congress under the impression that New York would just as lief as not have the fair and to wire her when the conclusion was reached. Chicago, not over-confident, stayed and fought it out with the other candidates.

It would be interesting to know how the Indians at the Devil lake agency are getting along in their battles with hunger. The agent out there promptly reported the case to the office here, where it was duly referred to the house for action. There it was duly looked over and referred to a committee for consideration, Then it went to a senate committee. Now it is somewhere in the mill legislation, but just where it would be hard to say. If Mr. Indian can girdle up his loins and live on blanket soup until the congress of the United States officially investigates his appetite and prescribe for him, he will pass a very pleasant spring.

A committee of seven senators are busily considering means preserving inviolate the secrecy of executive sessions. The personal violations of faith will not be touched upon, but a plan will be attempted by which all men will be made honest. Exactly how it is to be done does not yet appear. At present executive sessions have no secrets that are not laid bare to the cruel eyes of the world as soon as the session is over. It is probable that that committee will produce a new iron-bound and copper-riveted senatorial oath, with secret society ceremonies.

The first steel pen was made in 1830.

Gold was discovered in California in 1848.

Fires are raging everywhere. —First Small Boy—"We had a fire at our house last night." Second Small Boy—"That so?" F. S. B—"Yes. Pa fired sister's bean."—Boston Courier

"Did you ever receive contributions written on both side of the paper?" asked a gentleman entering a newspaper office. "No, sir; never," emphatically replied the editor. "All right; I was going to endorse this check to your order, but I don't want you to break your rules." Then he went out leaving the editor in a deep green study.—Yonkers Statesman.

Teacher—"What part of speech is 'but'?" Michael—"'But' is a conjunction." Teacher—"Correct. Now give me an example of its use." Michael—"See the goat but the boy. 'But' connects the goat and the boy."—Harper's Bazar.

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We were just preparing a long article on "the beauties of spring," when the late "cold snap," came along and nipped said article in the bud.

EDITORIALS.

Labor, wide as the earth, has its summit in heaven.—Carlyle.

Some men want peace providing the other fellow will furnish it.

Millions have been sacrificed upon the altar of heartless ambition.

To defend one's self is called an invasion by some who have no regard for truth.

Goldsmith says, "Laws grind the poor and rich men rule the laws."

State Treasurer Noland, of Missouri, is said to be defaulter to that state to the amount of about $30,000.

Judge E. G. Bower of Dallas county has made a call for a road convention, which can be found on the fourth page of this issue.

In the matter of internal improvements, a liberal share should be donated to the producers—build better roads and bridges.

"The brain of man is a dominion which cannot be invaded by even a tyrranous majority."—Anonymous.

Ben Terrell, the logical and eloquent Alliance advocate, lectures at Sherman next Wednesday.

Both the great parties claim that the other is the enemy of ballot reform. This being the case, some law will be passed immediately.

On Feb. the 28, ex-Congressman Taulbee was shot and seriously wounded on the head by Chas. E. Kincaid, correspondent of the Louisville Times. The shooting took place at Washington, D, C., in the corridors of the national capital. Both gentlemen are Kentuckians. The cause of the shooting was an old feud.

The Examiner of last week stated that we accused the commissioners' court of wrongfully transferring $1000 of the school fund to the road and bridge fund. We kindly insist that we did not make such a statement. We knew the court had that power and under the conditions as stated to us, we believe the court did right in the transfer business. Our object was to show our brother of the Farmersville Times that our road and bridge fund was not in such a healthy condition as he was led to believe.

Farmersville, Tex., March 2.—This morning at about 11 o'clock Mr. Will Best and Mr. W. B. Odem, both prominent men and between whom there existed some enmity, met on a narrow walk in front of the Methodist church and jostled against each other. It is said both drew knives and began a conflict which resulted in seven serious stabs on the person of Mr. W. B. Odem and one slight wound on Mr. Best before they could be separated. Mr. Odem was carried home seriously wounded if not mortally. Mr. Best at once gave himself up to the authorities.

The Road Question.

The subject of country roads is receiving the attention of the press of Texas and even our neighboring states. In fact there seems to be an unusual awakening of the people upon this subject. And all agree that "we need better county roads." Of course there will be widely different opinions regarding the manner to obtain better roads. Different localities will require different modes For instance, the plan to be used for some of the East or South Texas counties will hardly suffice for the black land of Collin. It is sad indeed, to note that among the necessary internal improvements, that of good county roads has been cruelly neglected. Cities have built up in splendor with their public improvements and in a great measure by the taxing of their citizens. Railroads have threaded our state, to which the people have donated millions to construct.

Notwithstanding the black land of Collin, what does the seeming enormous expense of good roads amount to compared to the benefits to be derived therefrom? Our county is thickly settled, with progressive, hard-working farmers, and as a result of their ceaseless toil about 40,000 bales of cotton, 1,000,000 bushels of wheat, 3,000,000 bushels of corn, 1,000,000 bushels of oats, are raised. The value of which will amount to about $3,500,000 at the present low prices.

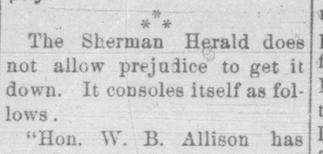
Just think of all this produce being conveyed over the disagreeable roads of Collin to the different markets. What a blessing it would be to the producers and their overworked teams, to thread the county, at reasonable distances, with good substantial roads. The writer admits that it would cost a large sum o' money. Yet if you will donate to us the amount of damage that will accrue to our county for the next quarter of a century by the absence of good roads, we will build said roads and then retire from the newspaper business with a capital of several million dollars.

The Hon. J. W. Throckmorton has written a letter to the Fort Worth Gazette in which he advocates the improvement of our public road system, and as a step in that direction, he favors the road amendment to be voted upon at the coming general election which gives the people the right by counties to vote an extra tax of 15 cents on the one hundred dollars for the improvements of public roads. This tax is in addition to the present tax of 15 cents on the hundred dollars. From a communication in the Gazette of Sunday last, we quote the following:

"The present constitutional tax for roads and bridges is 15 cents on the $100, which cannot be exceeded. Adopt the amendment, and the fund will be increased by an addition of 25 cents for roads only, then take from the present tax 10 cents. and you have a fund of 15 cents on the $100 for roads. Now, what sum would 25 cents on the taxable property of Tarrant county give? This question answered you will know how much money your annual road fund would be. If you were thinking about building a house for your home, the first question you would ask yourself would be how much money have I for this purpose, and after ascertaining this fact, you found you were not able to erect a house of large dimensions, would you refuse to erect a smaller one, that would be in every respect a comfortable one for yourself and family, or leave them out of doors because you could not put up the house of large dimensions?

Now, what rights do the amendment confer? It confers the right of the property taxpayers of a county saying whether they will be taxed not exceeding 15 cents (additional) on the $100 for improving the roads of the county, and through the legislature having its own system of roads under the control of the county After the roads are constructed the tax can be abolished and the roads may be kept in repair under the general law if the people of the county so will. It confers the right of local option on each county on the subject of taxation and roads when they want to use it for their benefit, but does not force an objectional law on the counties that do not want it. It removes the difficulties existing and will always exist under a general road law growing out of the diversified surface and material of this extensive state, for no general law can be made efficient in all the counties, for what would be acceptable to one section would be objectionable to another—consequently local option is the solution for obtaining an efficient and equitable system of roads. I say equitable, because the county that wants the tax can lay it and stop it when the object is accomplished; and this can only be accomplished by adopting the amendment to the constitution by the people at the next general election. I have given this road question some thought, and these are the hastily written views of

A FARMER.



Well, now, who would have thought it? Cleveland is actually charged with being a mugwump. The Baird Star, a "simon-pure" democrat paper, says of the ex-president.

"The Stephenville Headlight thinks the Star will be in a pickle if Mr. Cleveland happens to be the next democratic nominee for president. Not at all. There are plenty of men the Star had rather see nominated than Mr. Cleveland, but Cleveland is preferable to a republican, and if we cannot get a whole loaf we will take a half loaf, i. e., if we cannot support a democrat we will support a mugwump."

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The Sherman Herald has this to say of the retiring treasurer of Mississippi:

"The announcement that the retiring state treasurer of Mississippi is short about a quarter of a million of dollars in his accounts has created quite a sensation in that state. And he was a democrat, more's the pity."

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The Sherman Herald does not allow prejudice to get it down. It consoles itself as follows.

"Hon. W. B. Allison has been re elected by the Iowa legislature to the United States senate. Under the circumstances Allison was the best choice that could have been made. He is a republican, but withal an able and fair man."

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The Dallas news eloquently remarks:

"Will the English syndicate, after it has purchased every industry in the country worthy of attention, absorb the American protective system likewise? Or will it turn from the blear-eyed siren to woo the sweet faced goddess of reform?"

Contraction and Inflation.

In closing his speech on the the above subject in the senate Jan. 6, 1890, Hon. Wm. N. Stewart of Nevada said:

The bondholders have shown the people how to make money scarce and dear; they may in turn show the bondholders how to make money plenty and cheap.

The conspiracy to rob the masses manipulating the volume of currency is a great educator Good may come out of this apparently unmitigated evil. This cruel and wicked contraction of the currency to make the rich richer and the poor poorer may be followed by inflation. It would be amusing to hear the grasping few, whose sense of justice is not shocked by robbery of the masses, howl in despair if the standard money of the world were doubled. Imagine the cries of repudiation, dishonesty and fraud if such a suggestion were made, and compare it with the sanctimonious, self-righteous cant which justifies the destruction of one-half of the money metal of the world for the benefit of the rich.

If the conspiracy against silver teaches the people how to defend themselves against legislative manipulation devised by the possessors of fixed capital, the world will be wiser and better. Adversity has come. Let the better lesson be heeded. Let it be demonstrated that the people of the United States have a capacity to learn. If manipulating the money standard is legitimate for the rich—the poor of America can play at the same game.

Why should not the debtor resist contraction by inflation, if need be, to save himself and his family from robbery, starvation and ruin? If it is honest for the creditor to destroy one-half of the world's money why should it be dishonest for the debtor to double the standard money in circulation and relieve his burdens? Let the rich and avaricious take warning. They had better restore the money of the people and stop agitation, if possible, before it is too late.

Little Siftings.

It is easy to bear the aching of another man's corns.

He who wants little generally has it and little else.

Don't upbraid a dunce because he is short of some faults. He probably didn't know how to acquire them.

Awl that glitters is not gold, because awls are made of steel.

If nobody had a passion for acquiring riches, how many poor devils would be out of employment?

All the world's a stage, and all the men and women want to ride on top.

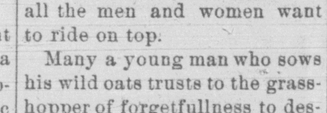
Many a young man who sows his wild oats trusts to the grasshopper of forgetfullness to destroy the crop.

The age of a tree can be estimated by counting its rings, but it isn't so with a woman.

Although fat men are generally good-natured travelers, yet sleeping car conductors give them a wide berth.

Gen. Lee's Testimony.

In the presence of a company of men who were advocates of the use of intoxicating drinks, General Lee said: "Men need no stimulant; it is something, I am persuaded, that they can do without. When I went into the field, at the beginning of the war, a good lady friend of mine gave me two sealed bottles of very superb French brandy. I carried them with me through the entire campaign; and when I met my friend again, after all was over, I gave her back both her bottles with the seals unbroken. It may have been some comfort to me to know that I had them in case of a sudden emergency, but the moment never came when I needed to use them."—The Century.



From Weston.

WESTON, Feb. 25, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

I will give you a few dots of the happenings of this vicinity.

We have a union prayermeeting going on at Lone Star school-house.

The farmers are scared about their oats. I guess they have gone up the spout.

Mr. Johnson's son met with a serious accident a few days ago. He was thrown from his horse and badly hurt. The doctors think he will recover.

The farmers were rapidly preparing for corn and cotton when the cold snap came.

La grippe has lost its grip in this vicinity. We have but little sickness in this community at present. B. B.

From Gray Bill.

GRAY BILL, TEX., March 4, 1890.

Editor of the Democrat:

We notice a great many of your correspondents are favoring a "free-for-all race," which meet with my hearty approval. However, we notice that the organs of the "simon-pure" domocracy are suggesting that a convention be had which they claim is in the interest of the democratic party. Now how is the democratic party endangered by a free race when only 556 votes out of about 7,000 were cast for Harrison two years ago?

It seems to me that the "Mugwumps" are acting fair and if the so-called democracy force them to organization the "mugs" are not to blame for "political turmoil," of which the opposition love to prate so much about. Let us have peace, but let principle survive, is the wish of

A CITIZEN.

From Lucas.

LUCAS, March 3, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

The chilling blasts that came from the north last week, the frozen ground, the solid icebergs and wilted foliage all remind us that spring has not yet come and that our poets had better withhold their poetry for the present.

The health of our vicinity is good at present. King grippe has about let up.

Farmers are all ready to plant corn as soon as they think winter is over. Some had planted before the cold snap and are doubtful of getting a stand.

Our enterprising merchants have laid in five thousand pounds of Alliance flour. This is business. If our merchants expect the patronage of farmers, they must patronize farmers also. Lucas & Lewis have bought about twenty thousand pounds from the Alliance mill within the last six months. Yet there are some people so narrow-minded as to say the Alliance is no good.

I do not see any mugs in the announcement column yet What's the matter? Are they all dead? Perhaps they are waiting for the office to seek them. There seems to be a disposition among our best citizens of both factions to have as peaceful a race as possible. Do you want me to tell you when we will have a quiet political campaign? As long as there is more than one man wants the same office there will be a racket. As long as our offices pay what they do now and ex-officio besides, there will always be contention and strife, but if you will tell when office fees, salaries and ex-officio will be cut down until officers will have to study household economy like we farmers do in order to make a respectable living, then I can tell you when we will have a quiet and peaceable race. In the mean time I am for a race on merit and principle, whether it be free for all or a party race. Let every candidate lay aside every sin of personal abuse and run on his own merits the race that is set before him. This old tune candidates have of saying they are nominees of this or that party, and that they never "scratched a ticket" doesn't excite my sympathy in the least, but rather turns me the other way. I admire the man who upholds his political creed, but I abhor the man who has no other claims to present to his fellow citizens as a recommendation than his tenacity to a certain party.

Tell the office seekers if they want the people down here to know they are running they must announce in the DEMOCRAT, as it is all the county paper that ever finds its way among the common folks down here. This is a God's truth.

UNCLE MIKE.

From McDonald School-House.

MCDONALD SCHOOL-HOUSE, Feb 25, 1890.

Editor of the Democrat:

As I have never yet seen anything in your valuable paper from this settlement I thought I would send in a few items.

La grippe is prevalent, and in many cases is proving fatal.

Our school, under the supervision of Miss Lou Cormack, was suspended on account of sickness. Farmers generally are behind with their work.

Don't know what is the matter with the candidates this year. They appear to be slow about announcing. I hope the hot-headed politicians on both sides will keep quiet and have an open, free-for-all canvass.

* * * I am glad to see the prejudice that has been existing in Collin county for several years quiet down and hope it will continue so Will write more in the future.

HAPPY JACK.

From John Johnson.

MCKINNEY, March 5, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

I see a great many candidates are coming up for the different offices. And the people and candidates seem to want the bridles pulled off and have a free-for-all race so as to stop this confusion. What say you, bosses, to this? If this don't suit you, how will this proposition do you? Let us have what you call pauper offices and you take the sustaining ones, as this county is so near bankruptcy. We will run them and save that $3,800 that you will have paid out at the close of your administration of two years. The reason we are willing to do this is because you raised the ex-officio this year $550. If this is not stopped, what will it amount to next year? It will amount to $1,100. We will also give you bonds that won't have to be repudiated by your county court.

Give us the pauper offices and you can take the monied ones and let us have peace.

JOHN JOHNSON.

From a Straight Democrat.

MCKINNEY, March 3, 1890.

Editor Democrat:

I have heard expressions from various parts of the county as to the policy that should be pursued by the people in this county at the coming election.

Some suggest a "free-for-all race;" some, an affiliation of the two parties in the primaries; and there are others who assert that principles never die; that if those principles fought for two years ago, were worth contending for then, they are just as vital to-day, and that they "propose to fight it out on that line if it takes all summer." In the coming campaign we stand for principle. Men change, but principles never do. Harmony, in the coming canvass, would be acceptable to every good citizen in the county. But harmony, at the sacrifice of principle, would be like healing over an old wound leaving the poison in the system, which would ultimately disease the whole body. If there is to be harmony, the party machine man must go. If he refuses, he should have emblazoned on his back, "Party Machine," in large box car letters, so that, as he walks the streets, the people may know his occupation. We shall contend for principles and not men.

If a free-for-all race will assure that end, well and good. If an affiliation of the two parties in the primaries will promote harmony and prosperity among the people in the county to a greater extent, we say affiliate, but no sacrifice of principle.

With a reasonable assurance that good faith would be maintained in conducting the primaries, an equitable representation of the two parties on the board of election that holds the primaries, there would then be no great obstacle to surmount in Collin county to reach a political millenium. Any light on this point may serve to disperse the mist that exists in the political atmosphere in this county.

STRAIGHT DEMOCRAT.

Notice.

To the Alliance Brotherhood of Collin County—

I will give public lectures on labor and co operation at the following named places and time:

Sixpoint — Monday, March 17, 6:30 p. m.

Lone Star—Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 p. m.

Independence — Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 p. m.

Weston — Thursday, March 20, 6:30 p. m.

Cottage Hill—Friday, March 21, 6:30 p. m.

Crossroads—Saturday, March 22, 6:30 p. m.

Richland — Monday, March 24, 6:30 p. m.

Bloomdale—Tuesday, March 25, 6:30 p. m.

Rock Hill—Wednesday, March 26, 6:30 p. m.

Farmers School-House—Thursday, March 27, 6:30 p. m.

Haggard School-House—Friday, March 28, 6:30 p. m.

Rowlett—Saturday, March 29, 6:30 p. m.

White's Grove — Monday, March 31, 6:30 p. m.

Crescent—Tuesday, April 1, 6:30 p. m.

The above lectures will be public. The brethren are expected to publish them and have as many out as possible. The ladies have a special invitation to come. I am authorized to organize. Any wishing such will please notify me.

G. S. WILSON,
F. A. C. L.

'Tis strange, ladies will go on month after month suffering with some female disorder, which one bottle of Dr. Dromgoole's English Female Bitters would speedily correct.

Additional Locals.

Cotton Seed Oil Mill.

Mr. A. T. Schmidt, of Little Rock, Ark., is making a proposition to the farmers of Collin county to build an oil mill at McKinney, which is to be independent of large companies, such as the American Cotton Oil Trust. The company he represents proposes to let the farmers select their secretary and bookkeeper as a guarantee of good faith on their part.

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Of health and strength renewed and of ease and comfort follows the use of Syrup of Figs, as it acts in harmony with nature to effectually cleanse the system when costive or bilious. For sale in 50c and $1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

Dr. Geo. D. Parker is quite sick.

You are Mistaken

If you think you can get shoddy goods at R. M. Board's. He handles nothing but the best at the lowest price. Those who doubt this should call and see before purchasing elsewhere. His genial clerks will take pleasure in waiting on you.

The following item has been going the rounds of the press, and as our druggist, Bristol Bros., handle the goods, it may interest our readers: Having had occasion to use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, it gives me pleasure to state that I found it to be the best medicine for a cough I ever used; in fact, it cured me of a cough that had baffled several other cough medicines.—N. R. Burnett, Atalissa, Iowa.

Last Friday evening two colored individuals, had a fight at the negro saloon. They quarrelled while being engaged in a gambling game. One received severe cuts on the arm. Otherwise no damage was done.

"In my extensive practice among women," writes an eminent physician, who has made the study of female diseases a specialty, "never have I found a female tonic and regulator so happily combined as in Dr Dromgoole's English Female Bitters."

Attention.

We are requested by many members of the old "Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical association of Collin county" to request the stockholders of the association to meet at the courthouse in McKinney at 2 o'clock p. m., the first Saturday in April, 1890, to determine what shall be done with the property of said association. Stockholders who cannot come are desired to send parties to some one to represent them

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PRINCETON'S POET.

[Written by Country Boy for the DEMOCRAT.]

Princeton is a booming town,
Nor one can wish it greater,
For every man is half a horse,
And half an alligator.

Our girls are like the angels fair,
That fly through fields of ether,
And how they make the town bugs stare
—Golly, there is no sweeter.

Our dudes are of the sparking kind,
With trowsers big and short,
And when the girls give them the "bounce,"
Say, you ought to hear them snort.

Our P. M. says he is the boss,
For songs and music blended,
And if you don't believe his "yarn,"
Just hear him he is splendid.

Our doctor rides the country o'er,
With "pill-bags" well extended,
And when he strikes the "grippe" a blow—
Well, there that case is ended.

Our people do to meetin' go,"
During the full and change of moons.
But, then lay aside "the gospel"
With their Sunday pantaloons,

And they talk to wayward sinners,
With lot's of solemn chat,
But they are none the better,
Because they talk of that.

Now, say, Mr. Editor,
And if your honor pleases,
Every time the preacher coughs
The congregation sneezes.

Our candidates are clever "mokes,"
And everywhere they are funny,
They talk of railroads and "colored folks,"
But all they want is—money.

"Our city" is a charming place
With office, shop and dwelling
And should you wish to take a view,
Come over, we are willing.

McKinney has the golden wing
Farmersville the flame,
Princeton has no wing at all,
But she will "get there all the same."

Now all good people, far and wide,
Come, listen to my chat.
If in this world you wish to rise,
Just take the DEMOCRAT.

Read Capt. Brown's letter, No. 2, in this issue.

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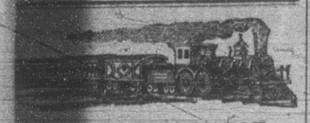

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NORTH BOUND.

Express. Leaves.	Fast Mail. Leaves.
9:40 a. m.	9:55 p. m.
...s News train - - -	5.05 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

Express. Leaves.	Fast Mail. Leaves.
4.52 p. m.	5.53 a. m.
...s train - - -	8.02 p. m.

EAST LINE.

DAILY

... arrives 12:50 p. m, ... departs 1:50.

COUNTRY MAIL ROUTE.

...for Vineland, Rhea's Mill, ... daily (except Sunday) at ...rrives at 5 p. m.
...from Tickey, Altoga, Verona ...Ridge daily (except Sunday) ... Departs at 12:30 p. m.
...from Weston and Rowland ...pt Sunday) at 11 a. m. and ... p. m.
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...Collin county for cotton ..., but Brazoria county, ...lvin, for pears, straw... and grapes.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the name of WILLIAMS WARDEN as a candidate for Tax Collector, subject to the action of the democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. H. SIMS as a candidate for City Treasurer at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of CLINT THOMPSON as a candidate for City Treasurer at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. H. WOOD as a candidate for City Assessor at the election to be held in April next.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. D. O'GWIN as a candidate for City Secretary, election next April.

We are authorized to announce the name of A. L. JONES as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal, at the ensuing April election.

We are authorized to announce the name of SAM BURK as a candidate for City Marshal, election next April.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. T. ANDREWS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. M. BALL, as a candidate for Justice of the Peace Precinct No. 1, subject to the action of the democratic party.

W. C. JONES authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for re-election to the office of District Clerk, subject to the action of the democratic party.

GEO. B. ADAMS authorizes us to announce him as a candidate for County Treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic party.

☞Big bargains in dress goods at M. Aron's.

Sam Rudoph authorizes us to announce that he has withdrawn from the race for justice of the peace.

Send in your communications. We want to hear from all over the county.

☞Don't miss the millinery opening on March 13.

M. Aron's.

Our delinquent subscribers should help us by coming forward and paying up. Our expenses are heavy.

☞For the best corn check rower call at J. G. Matthews & Co.

☞Every lady that wants to see real fine millinery should attend the opening on Thursday, March 13, at M. Aron's.

W. F. Derrick, from north of Farmersville, gave us a pleasant call yesterday and renewed for the Democrat. Mr. Derrick informs us that all is quiet on the Potomac, while the mugs are resting on their oars.

☞See R. M. Board's mammoth stock of dry goods before you purchase elsewhere. He is prepared to give you a bargain.

Let everybody attend the meeting on the 14th, to learn something in regard to the proposed cotton seed old mill. We believe it is a move in the right direction.

☞The chipper plow is the best on the market. Call at J. G. Matthews & Co. and buy one.

We extend our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, who lost a little child, which was buried at the Stiff graveyard last Saturday morning.

If you want to invest in fruit lands near the best markets in the South write G. W. Durant & Co., Alvin, Tex., for circulars.

☞Corn and cotton planters can be found at J. G. Matthews & Co. Don't fail to see them before purchasing elsewhere.

☞If you want to grow rich raising strawberries and pears, write G. W. Durant & Co., Alvin, Tex., who will send full particulars.

☞J. G. Matthews & Co. is the place to purchase your farm implements and machinery.

For a long while we have been asking for bois d' Arc paved square and streets, but heard nothing "but the echo of our wailing cry." Our worthy contemporary, the Examiner, now joins us, and consequently with renewed energy, we will be heard from in the same old stand.

First Monday Notes.

A big crowd was in the city.

A considerable amount of horse swapping was engaged in.

A man was arrested for carrying a pistol, when a friend tried to hide it for him. Both were jailed.

J. P. Crouch's team ran away and ran against the electric wire post on the southeast corner of the square, resulting in the breaking of both the wagon and the post.

Some of the boys remained to see the "Pair of Kids" troupe perform at night, and laughed heartily at the expression, "Well, I'll be darned."

The calaboose was the recipient of a great many who had taken on too much "bug juice."

Thos. E. Douthit was in the city. Mr. Douthit has lately joined F. T. Dysart of Moberly, Mo., in the real estate business at Quanah, Tex. Mr. Douthit says, "Quanah is a fast growing town, but we never see such a crowd as you have here today."

☞Farmers, go to J. G. Matthews & Co. and see his large stock of wagons and buggies.

J. B. Jett, the cheerful "Mark Twain" of New Hope community, gave us a pleasant call Tuesday. He said, "I would have been done planting corn last Friday if it had not been for that cold "snap."

☞The Deering binder, the king of the harvest field, can be found for sale at J. G. Matthews & Co. Farmers don't fail to examine this machine before purchasing elsewhere.

A different opinion prevails regarding the effects of the late freeze. Some say the oats and fruit are all killed, while some think the damage not large.

☞J. G. Matthews & Co. handle the best farm implements and machinery, and will sell the same to the farmers on better terms than any other house in McKinney.

Subjects of sermons at the Christian church next Sunday will be: At 11 a. m., "Worship God." At 7:15 p. m. "The Savior's Teaching the Astonishment of the World." All are cordially invited.

☞When you come to town and if you want real genuine bargains in dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, call on M. Aron.

Mr. J. W. Dockins of Lebanon, Tenn., is visiting here with a view of locating in Collin county. Mr. Dockins called on the Democrat last Monday and informed us that h considered Collin county ahead of any county he had yet seen, We bid him, together with all other enterprising men, a hearty welcome in our midst.

☞For the best wagons and buggies, on the most reasonable terms, don't fail to call on J. G. Matthews & Co.

☞The Racket store is now selling at cost to close out and will pay you to come and see us for we will sell. Come and see us.

E. W. Kirkpatrick is wearing a broad smile as a result of his pleasant association with the horticulturists, who held an instructive meeting at Austin and were afterwards highly entertained at Laredo, Rockport, Galveston, Houston, and other points. Mr. Kirkpatrick says that near the gulf he saw pears hanging on the trees that will be ripe within a few weeks.

It is a fact that the Racket store is closing out its stock of notions, hardware, tinware, clothing, hats, etc. Here is your chance to buy cheap.

Geo. S. Morris of McKinney is general agent for the "Jefferson Davis Memorial Vol." and "Heroes of the Dark Continent," by H. M. Stanley.

B. F. Johnson & Co., publishers, Richmond, Va.

☞Call on J. G. Matthews & Co. for Clipper plows.

☞Our stock of fancy groceries is complete and we deliver promptly. Give us your order for goods.

Shrader & Bryan.

Marriage Bells.

Since our last issue the following couples have been licensed to wed:

Eliott Stallings and Susie Colwell.

W. P. Cloyd and Mary E Ball.

W. J. Cook and Mrs. Minerva F. Ellis.

J. F. Braden and Josie Bumpass.

J. L. McGee and Mary J. C. Hendricks.

M. Rivers and E. H. Duffie.

Andrew Bush and Ada Harris.

J. S. King and S. L. Mays.

☞Big bargains in ladies' hats at M. Aron's.

A meeting will be held on Saturday, March 14, at 2 o'clock p. m. Farmers and business men are kindly requested to be present, when the matter will be fully explained.

Go to the Racket store and supply yourself with first class cheap goods. They are actually setting at cost and it will pay you to call there and examine their stock. Don't forget this advice.

☞We have bought out Morton & Shrader and will sell groceries cheap for cash at their old stand. Come and see us and we will save you money.

Shrader & Bryan.

☞R. M. Board is an experienced merchant, and consequently buys the best goods at the lowest prices.

☞Special bargains in clothing at M. Aron's.

Last Monday our sanctum was graced by the presence of the following named gentlemen: T. H. Estes, J. S. Shaw, W. W. Chapman, Jno. P. Hunter and W. T. Corbitt Call again, gentlemen.

☞Go to R. M. Board to purchase your spring and summer wear.

☞Big drives in plow shoes at M. Aron's.

To candidates: If you want the people to know that you are in the race, you had better announce in the Democrat.

☞Attend the millinery opening on March 13 at M. Aron.s.

We were greeted by the McKinney Daily Examiner on last Tuesday. It is a nicely printed, five-column, four-page, well edited paper. And we predict success to its proprietors in this new enterprise and consequently we trust that said daily will be a "little daisy" in McKinney's boquet of journalism.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says:

Toledo, O., Jan. 10, 1887.

Messrs. F. J. Cheney & Co.—Gentlemen:—I have been in the general practice of medicine for most 40 years, and would say that in all my practice and experience have never seen a preparation that I could prescribe with a much confidence of success as I can Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by you. Have prescribed it a great many times and its effect is wonderful, and would say in conclusion that I have yet to find a case of catarrh that it would not cure, if they would take it according to directions. Yours truly,

L. L. GORSUCH, M. D.

Office 215 Summit St.

We will give $100 for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured with Hall's Catarrh Cure. Taken internally.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

☞Sold by druggists, 75c.

We learn that the church house at White's Grove is progressing finely. Nineteen loads of lumber have been hauled out and the frame is being built.

Is Consumption Incurable?

Read the following: Mr. C. H. Morris, Newark, Ark., says: "Was down with abcess of lungs, and friends and physicians pronounced me an incurable consumptive. Began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, am now on my third bottle, and able to oversee the work on my farm It is the finest medicine ever made."

Jesse Middlewart, Decatur, Ohio, says: Had it not been for Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption I would have died of lung troubles. Was given up by doctors. Am now in best of health." Try it. Sample bottles free at E. N. McAuley & Bro.'s

Religion & Theology.

A lecture on this subject is promised the people of Viney Grove neighborhood on Sunday, March 23, at 11 a. m., by James W. Thomas of this city. If there is antagonism between religion and theology, the people ought to know it.

BIG SALE!

—AT THE—

Mississippi Store,

—OF—

Ladies' and Misses' Custom-Made Kid and Dongolia SHOES.

From to-morrow morning, March 5, to March 15, we will give 20 per cent. off of regular prices of our entire line of A. J. Johnson & Co.'s celebrated fine shoes.

This embraces a line of shoes from $2 to $5, that we guarantee to be perfect in fit, style and quality. Big thing; grand opportunity. Every pair warranted to give satisfaction in wear.

Our reason for this is to more thoroughly introduce this line of foot wear. We know they are the best goods for the money a lady can buy. From and after the above date they will be the same as before.

A. J. Johnson's Celebrated Fine Shoes.

Silk and Woolen Goods.

Within the next 10days we will receive and exhibit the handsomest line of silk and woolen goods ever shown in McKinney. All the high novelties we will have.

If you want to pay cash for a nice dress, it will pay you to look at ours before you buy. We know that we can save you money.

Something new and late in this department every day.

—THE—

Mississippi Store

Is the place to get good goods for little money. Always give us a call and you will never regret it. No trouble to show goods. Respectfully,

Murphy, Perry & Co.

Fire!

Last Saturday morning at 2 o'clock the alarm of fire was sounded from College Hill. Pistols were fired, men rushed along and yelled, seemingly trying to make more noise than the thumping of their boots on the frost-covered sidewalks. The writer himself, in order to make time, cut "across lots," but was soon found sprawling upon the frozen ground, and was about to utter some bad words, when a passer-by yanked him to his feet, and with dramatic eloquence quoted from Shakspeare about as follows: "Your limbs are out of joint O, cursed spite that I was born to set them right." The writer forgot(?) his brises and hobbled on. He found the engine out—also the fire. It was Bud Newman's smoke-house.

Epoch

The transition from long lingering and painful sickness to robust health marks an epoch in the life of the individual. Such a remarkable event is treasured in the memory and the agency whereby the good has been attained is gratefully blessed. Hence it is, that so much is heard in praise of Electric Bitters. So many feel they owe their restoration to health, to the use of the Great Alterative Tonic. If you are troubled with any disease of kidneys, liver or stomach, of long or short standing you will surely find relief by use of Electric Bitters. Sold at 50c and $1 per bottle at E. M. McAuley & Bro's drug store.

To Our Readers.

Our readers will do us a kindness to mention our paper when patronizing our advertisers, as the latter are always anxious to know whether it is paying them or not.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns and all skin eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no money required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. N. McAuley & Bro.

Free Lecture.

J. E. Remsburg, a lecturer of wide reputation, will lecture at the court-house on Wednesday night, the 19th instant. Subject, "False claims." Every body is invited. Among the many recommendations can be found the following:

"Mr. Remsburg is one of America's most powerful speakers."—London Secular Review

A New Method of Treating Disease.

HOSPITAL REMEDIES.

What are they? There is a new departure in the treatment of disease. It consists in the collection of the specifics used by noted specialists of Europe and America, and bringing them within the reach of all. For instance the treatment pursued by special physicians who treat indigestion, stomach and liver troubles only, was obtained and prepared. The treatment of other physicians, celebrated for curing catarrh was procured, and so on till these incomparable cures now include disease of the lungs, kidneys, female weakness, rheumatism and nervous debility.

This new method of "one remedy for one disease" must appeal to the common sense of all sufferers, many of whom have experienced the ill effects and thoroughly realize the assurity of the claims of patent medicines which are guaranteed to cure every ill out of a single bottle, and the use of which, as statistics prove, has ruined more stomachs than alcohol. A circular describing these new remedies is sent free on receipt of stamp to pay postage by Hospital Remedy Company, Toronto, Canada, sole proprietors.

While we are willing to give our correspondents space to give their views on political or religious subjects, they should not expect us to always agree with them. We believe in an independent, and free expression of thought.

Mr. James Lambert, of New Brunswick, Illinois, says: "I was badly afflicted with rheumatism in the hips and legs, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It cured me in three days. I am all right to-day and would insist on every one, who is afflicted with that terrible disease, to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm and get well at once." For sale by Bristol Bros.

Alvin, the place becoming so noted for its fruits, is midway between Galveston and Houston, and but thirty-two miles from Brazos City—soon to be the great sea port of the Southwest.

Dear reader, kindly ask your neighbor to subscribe for the Democrat.

Smith Bros.

Keep on hand fresh drugs, patent medicines of all kinds. Also toilet articles of any description; in fact, everything in the drug line. Call and see them, east side of the square.

A Grand Offer.

We can furnish the Scientific American and the Democrat for $4.

The National Economist and the Democrat for $2.

The Ft. Worth Gazette and Democrat for $2.25.

The Baptist News and Democrat for $2.

The Farm and Ranch and Democrat for $1.50.

The Southern Mercury and the Democrat for $2.00 per year.

Dallas Weekly News and Democrat for $2.25.

The New York Cosmopolitan Magazine and the Democrat for $2.50.

The following are the prices for the above papers alone:

Democrat, per year, $1.50.

Dallas Weekly News. $1.25.

National Economist, per year, $1.00.

Fort Worth Gazette, per year, $1.00.

Baptist News, per year, $1.

Farm and Ranch, per year, $1.00.

Southern Mercury, per year, $1.00.

Scientific American, per year, $4.00.

Cosmopolitan, per year, $2.40.

All of the above journals are first-class.

Please take notice of the above offer and call your neighbor's attention to it. Sample coplies will be shown and subscriptions taken, at this office. Respectfully,

Democrat Pub. Co.

Tea Party.

Last Tuesday night Mrs. J. S. Jenkins gave a tea party at her hospitable home in Northwest McKinney which was an enjoyable affair. The following named ladies graced the occasion by their presence:

Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Mrs. Dr. T. W. Wylie, Mrs. E. G. Beall, Van Alstyne; Mrs. Dr. M. S. Metz, Mrs. A. J. Krause, Mrs. W. B Harrison, Mrs. A. Chandler, Mrs. Dr. D. M. Ray, Whitewright; Mrs. Lula Love, Mrs. Ben Estes, Mrs. T. C Perry, Mrs. Judge Abernathy and Mrs. Howell Smith.

Here it is, and it fills the bill much better than anything we could say: "It gives me the greatest pleasure to write you in regard to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. During the past winter I have sold more of it than any other kind, and have yet to find any one, but what was benefited by taking it. I have never had any medicine in my store that gave such universal satisfaction."—J. M. Roney, Druggist, Genda Springs, Kansas. Fifty cent bottles for sale by Bristol Bros.

The democrats met in club meeting last night and elected K. R. Craig permanent chairman and G. C. Mounteastle vice-chairman, J. L. Wilson, secretary and Clint Thompson assistant sec'ry. H. C. Mack, P. B. Muse and J. L. Doggett committee who were appointed to draft resolutions, presented the same which were adopted. We understand that the holding of a democratic county convention was endorsed.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This wonderful liniment as known from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Lakes to the Gulf. It is the most penetrating liniment in the world. It will cure rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, bruises, cuts, wounds, old sores, burns, sciatica, sore throat, sore chest and all inflammation, after all others have failed. It will cure barbed wire cuts and heal all wounds where proud flesh has set in. It is equally efficient for animals. Try it and you will not be without it. Price, 50 cents

Owing to the great change in the weather, and such a rush in business, we failed to change the date on the outside of our paper this week. Our readers will please excuse this mistake.

Our young friends, John Mitchell, Jesse Dobbs and John George were in to see us the other day. They informed us that they wished to form a bachelor's club of six members, the initiation fee to be $5. The object of this order will be to promote the interest of said members by giving a premium of thirty dollars to the first one that marries; twenty-five to the second, twenty to the third, etc. We knocked for membership, but on account of our youth, we were refused. Any one wishing to correspond with this "ancient" order will address either of the above named gentlemen at Altoga, Tex.

For Sale.

A first-class New Home sewing machine can be bought reasonably. Inquire at this office.

Subscribe for the Democrat.

A Mother's Love.

Our readers will remember the account of a difficuly which occurred a few weeks ago, in which Mrs. Mary Tiner, her husband and Mattie Blake were the participants.

There had been a suit filed by Mrs. Tiner for the recovery of her child, Willie, who is a nice little fellow about six, or seven years old. It seems that Willie had been in the custody of his father for some time, and during this period had become much attached to his father and aunt (Miss Blake, who claimed to be Tiner's sister) and at the same time was much estranged from his mother—even to hate. The mother, however, would not be outdone, and was unrelentless in her efforts to regain the object of her affection. Consequently a few days ago the proper court papers were procured and officers detailed to hunt for and bring the child to its mother. * * * *

Willie sat upon his mothers knees and said: "Mamma, they told me that you would whip me. They said you was mean and didn't like me. Aunt Mattie told me to run away from you and come back to them." This caused the mother to gather the little fellow to her bosom and exclaimed: "Mother does not hate you; mother will not whip you, for I love you more than any one."

Thus it was that mother and child embraced each other while the tears that streamed from the eyes of both was unmistakable evidence of divine love. A mother's love is steadfast. It remains the same throughout the storms of adversity. Its endurance can only be measured by eternity.

Last Thursday our sanctum was graced by the presence of Mrs. Gordon and Miss Minnie Rexrode. Call again, ladies.

SYRUP of FIGS

Presents in the most elegant form THE LAXATIVE AND NUTRITIOUS JUICE —OF THE— FIGS OF CALIFORNIA, Combined with the medicinal virtues of plants known to be most beneficial to the human system, forming an agreeable and effective laxative to permanently cure Habitual Constipation, and the many ills depending on a weak or inactive condition of the

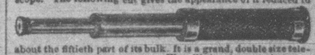
KIDNEYS, LIVER AND BOWELS.

It is the most excellent remedy known to CLEANSE THE SYSTEM EFFECTUALLY When one is Bilious or Constipated —SO THAT— PURE BLOOD, REFRESHING SLEEP, HEALTH and STRENGTH NATURALLY FOLLOW.

Every one is using it and all are delighted with it.

ASK YOUR DRUGGIST FOR SYRUP OF FIGS MANUFACTURED ONLY BY CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N. Y.

One of the BEST TELescopes in the world. Our facilities are unequaled, and to introduce our superior goods we will send FREE TO ONE PERSON in each locality, as above. Only those who write to us at once can make sure of the chance. All you have to do is return to show our goods to those who call—your neighbors and those around you. The beginning of this advertisement shows the small end of the telescope. The following cut gives the appearance of it reduced to



about the fiftieth part of its bulk. It is a grand, double size telescope, as large as is easy to carry. We will also show you how you can make from $25 to $100 a day at least, from the start, without experience. Better write at once. We pay all expres charges. Address, H HALLETT & CO., Box 880, PORTLAND, MAINE.

Summer Milliney AT COST.

Wishing to quit business I offer my entire stock which consists of

HATS, BONNES, FLOWERS, FEATHERS, CORSETS, GLOVES, RUCHINGS, LACES

—AND—

Embroidery Materials,

At greatly reduced prices. Ladies wishing anything in my line, will save money by purchasing from me, as my prices will be extremely low until my whole stock is disposed of.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Fannie Johnson.

Horse and jack bills printed at this office at reasonable prices. Call and see us.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Carefully Gleaned for the Readers of the Democrat.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Feb. 28.—Hon. J. W. Throckmorton of McKinney arrived in the city on the noon train to-day, and is domiciled with his life-long friend, Dr. E. P. Becton. Hundreds of his old friends and army comrades have called to see him and talk over some of the vivid scenes of twenty-five years ago. The ex-governor seems in splendid health. Last night and to-day have been the coldest of the season.

Van Alstyne, Tex., March 1. J. R. Moores killed two hogs which weighed 1165 pounds.

On the 28th lightning struck Serene school-house, four miles east of here, and burned it up. Interested parties are in town raising a collection and meeting with good success.

Several two-story dwellings are under construction.

The population is still increasing. Five gal babies were born here last night.

The weather for the past three days has been cold.

Stranger Frozen to Death.

Whitewright, Tex., Feb. 28.—After raining and sleeting all day yesterday it settled down to a cold, stiff norther, making last night the ablest of the season. This morning it is bright bright and clear. A man was frozen to death here last night. He had gone in the rear room of Edwards & Ross to sleep during the night. The house being open and he having nothing to sleep on save some barrels and boxes and his clothing being light he froze to death. The inquest was postponed until Saturday. He will be buried in the graveyard. He is a stranger. No one knows anything about him.

War Against Gambling.

Austin, Tex., March 2.—The Christian people of Austin have or are about to organize a centurian band to suppress gambling, and especially forms of it which entice the boys into respectable appearing gaming places. To-day Dr. Chappel and other ministers of the gospel preached on the subject, and in the Sunday school of the Southern Methodist church speeches were made to the children warning them against the snares of Satan. The movement, if earnestly entered upon, will have the encouragement and sympathy of hundreds who are not church members, but whose boys are demoralized and led astray by saloon influences and attractions.

Chinese Apology.

New York, Feb. 28.—The Chinese consul inflicted punishment upon the Chung family who assaulted Mayor Jeu Shing Pon in the joss house a few days ago by compelling them to make a public apology last evening to the insulted and battered mayor. In China their heads would have been cut off. The ceremony took place in the biggest room of the joss house and 100 of the most substantial business men of Mott street were present by invitation of the consul. The Chungs are so numerous that two of the ringleaders were selected to represent the family.

An extra bunch of joss-sticks was lighted by the acting priest. After one of the culprits had made a low bow before the consul a tray was handed to him upon which there were several tiny cups and a bottle of Chinese sweet wine. Chung carried this tray as he was led around the room by an attendent. First he was led before the badly used up mayor. Here he made a low bow and then poured out a cup of wine and offered it to the man he and his cousins had thrashed a few days ago. The mayor arose, took up the cup, made a low bow in return and then drank the wine with one gulp.

The apologist then went through the same formality before each of the hundred guests. After this he carried around a tray of bing tons, or sweetened beetle nuts, with the same ceremony. Then came the other Chung's turn. He went through the form. The whole thing took up nearly an hour. This form of apology is feared by all respectable Chinamen, as they consider it very humiliating to be a sort of table boy to [illegible] every body present.

County Roads.

To All County Judges, Commissioners and Other Public Spirited Citizens of Texas Who Feel an Interest in the County Road Question:

Dallas, Tex., Feb. 22.—In compliance with many petitions to it by various citizens of Dallas and other counties of Texas, in both individual and organized capacities, the commissioners' court of Dallas county, Texas, hereby request a convention of all county judges and other members of the commissioners' courts of all the counties of Texas, as well as such other representatives as shall be accredited by said courts or any one of them, to convene with the representatives of Dallas county in the county court room in the temporary court-house in the city of Dallas, Dallas county, Texas, on April 8, 1890, then and there to discuss, devise and adopt ways and means to establish a general policy to improve the system of public roads of Texas.

Being greatly impressed with the demand for improvement of the road system the commissioners' court of Dallas county desire a full and earnest convention, and believes a successful general road policy can be devised.

E. C. BOWER,
County Judge Dallas County, Texas.

The Deposed Emperor.

New York, Feb. 27.—Dr. Morel, editor of the Lanacien of Buenos Ayres, has written a letter to Dr. Mendonca, Brazilian minister to Washington, stating parts of an interview with Dom Pedro. Dr. Mendonca returned from this city to Washington to-day. Dr. Morel says that he found the deposed emperor very reluctant to talk about the affairs of Brazil. In reply to questions Dom Pedro said that governing a great nation was a heavy burden, and after the most noble efforts on behalf of the people, the man was part with ingratitude. He felt resigned to his fate and would look with tranquility upon the future course of the new republic. Dom Pedro said that at the present time the new republic had all it could attend to with its own afiairs without interfering with foreign matters. The republic, he thought, had to be consolidated. Dom Pedro said the republicans had done him great injury. They would find it ifficult to govern Brazil as was evidenced by the sending of the military from Rio to the northern provinces to help to organize their respective administrations. He believed, though, that the republicans would be able to govern the country because the Brazilians are a patriotic people. He would continue to serve them in Europe as he had done in Brazil, even though he was suffering banishment. In case of future complications and a call from the people to return to the throne, Dom Pedro said he would respond. He would not, however, do anything to cause strife among the people.

Brutally Assaulted.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 28.—Miss Lizzie Cowan of Middlebury, aged 20, a handsome and popular school teacher, was brutally assaulted on her way home from school just after dark last night and her injuries are serious. She was first struck with a large stone on the side of the head and then grabbed from behind and thrown to the ground. She made a bold fight for thirty minutes before she was overcome. She lay by the roadside unconsious for two hours, then dragged herself to the home of Henry Atwood, where Dr. Axtell and Dr. Deforest were summoned. Her throat was gashed as if cut with a knife, her skull badly bruised by the stone, her body covered with bruises and her clothing torn to shreds. After regaining consciousness she could not identify her assailant, she said, but after one Dan Webster, a worthless fellow who had been idling about town, was arrested, she positively identified him by his voice. There is much excitement over the assault. Webster has confessed to the terrible deed, and was tried to day and bound over.

The first horse railroad was built in 1836.

"Run For Your Lives."

Prescott, A. T., Feb. 28.—The Journal's mine representative returned late this afternoon from Walnut Grove dam. He interviewed Capt. Hunt, late of the United States army, who was on watch with Superintendent Brown when the dam gave away. Capt. Hunt says that all day Friday twenty men, being all who could be secured, were employed in blasting the waste water way to increase its capacity. The sign of the break was the snapping of the large steel cable connecting the tower in the middle of the dam with bank. This occasioned a loud report, and he said that it seemed as if a ball of fire was shot from it. The next instant the tower tottered, and it seemed as if the entire dam, containing 90,000 tons of rock all moved bodily at once. The roar of waters and the grinding of boulders was perfectly deafening. The message sent to warn those at the lower dam, and who failed to do so on account of becoming intoxicated, has not been seen since. The first survivors to arrive in Prescott came in yesterday afternoon, when John Hardie, Ed Davis and William Russell came in, all of them being more less bruised and skinned from climbing the steep hill among the cactus and sharp rocks to escape the flood.

John Hardie gave his experience as follows:

"I camped on Barren creek in a tent with three others. Some time after midnight we were awakened by a deafening roar, when I jumped out of bed and yelled at the others: 'The dam has broken, run for your lives.'"

I reached high ground, and saw the waves at least sixty feet high strike the tent and it was gone. The distance between the bluffs at this point is about 200 yards and the water filled this space sixty feet deep. A large boulder, weighing 100 tons, in front of our tent was swept away, and next day I went down the cut five miles in search of bodies and saw no trace of it. Some lumber had been left on the high bluffs near the lower dam, which was not reached by the water. Coffins are being made of this and then floated down the stream to where the bodies are found, the latter being buried where found

Thirty seven bodies in all have been recovered.

Drawing the Lines.

From the Texas Farmer.

The Texas Farmer of March 1 published an extract from a letter from one of the leading men of Texas, the purport of which was this: "That the speculators and opponents of a railroad commission will attempt to lock the democratic convention as between Mr Hogg and Mr. Throckmorton, and grind their forces together until it will be impossible to nominate either. That this must not be permitted. That no dark horse must be tolerated. That every aspirant must be forced to announce himself and undergo the investigation of the campaign That if Mr. Throckmorton and Mr. Hogg are the only commission men before the people and the convention, the one which has a clear majority must be nominated—the other withdrawing in his favor."

Texas Farmer wrote to both the gentlemen named calling their attention to this statement, and asking each: 1. "Can your friends pledge you to withdraw if you should not have a majority of the convention!" 2. "Can your friends pledge you as in favor of a railroad commission; and if so, to to what extent would you limit a commission's power?"

Mr. Hogg answers that pressure of business prevents full reply, but says substantially that he believes the policy of the railroads and speculators will be as indicated by the Farmer's article. He will, as soon as he can, make full reply, on this point. The following is quoted from his letter which shows him in favor of a railroad commission:

"It will be after pressure of court work here, in a few months, that I shall discuss political issues. When I do, it will be in plain English—among other things, for the adoption of the amendment and a commission."

Mr. Throckmorton answers as follows:

McKinney, Tex, Feb. 25, 1890.—In answer to your letter of inquiry, and to your first question: "Can your friends pledge you to withdraw if you should not have a majority of the convention?" I have to say that when it is ascertained by a fair test in the convention that I have not a majority, my friends will be authorized to withdraw my name.

To your second question: "Can they (my friends) pledge you in favor of a railroad commission; and if so, to what extent would you limit a commission's powers?" I answer: My friends can pledge me unreservedly to a railroad commission, with power to regulate freight charges, and such other powers as will enable it to properly discharge its duties in the protection of the interests of the people confided to its care I would not, however, favor any measure that would deprive railroads of fair and just compensation for the services rendered by them.

Very respectfully,
J. W. THROCKMORTON

Royal Baking Powder Leads All.

The United States Official Investigation

Of Baking Powders, made, under authority of Congress, by the Chemical Division of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and recently completed, furnishes the highest authoritative information as to which is the best baking powder. The Official Report

Shows the Royal Baking Powder to be a cream of tartar baking powder, superior to all others in strength and leavening power.

The Royal Baking Powder is absolutely pure, made from the most wholesome materials, and produces finer flavored, sweeter, lighter, more palatable, wholesome and delicious bread, biscuit, cake, pastry, etc., than any other baking powder or leavening agent.

Being of greater strength than any other baking powder, it is also the most economical in use.

These great qualities warrant you, if you are not using the Royal Baking Powder, in making a trial of it.

TRADE MARK

St. Jacobs Oil
Cures
PROMPTLY AND PERMANENTLY
Neuralgia
IT IS THE BEST.

Instant Relief First Application.
Boonville, Mo., Dec. 28, 1885.
I suffered dreadfully with neuralgic pains in head, which affected face and eyes. I could not attend to work. I obtained instantaneous relief from first application of St. Jacobs Oil.
H. M. CLARK.

Completely Cured by One Bottle.
St. Libory, Ill., May 18, 1888.
My wife was troubled with neuralgia, and after using one bottle of St. Jacobs Oil was completely cured.
HENRY BECKEMEYER.

AT DRUGGISTS AND DEALERS.
THE CHARLES A. VOGELER CO., Baltimore, Md.

MADE WITH BOILING WATER.
EPPS'S
GRATEFUL-COMFORTING.
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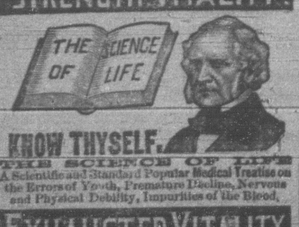

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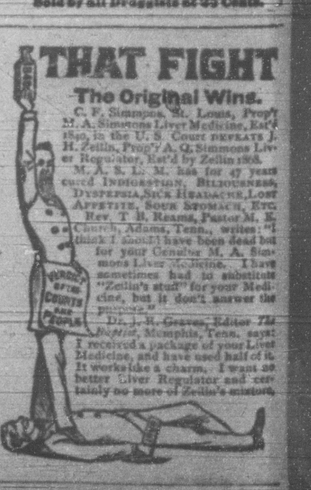

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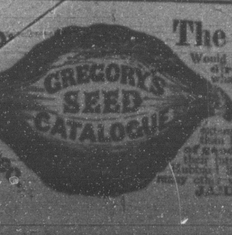

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